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SUBJECT: THIS AND THAT

1. CANARY ISLANDS DISASTER

-- THE EVACUATION OF SURVIVORS IS COMPLETE AND THOSE REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION ARE APPROPRIATELY HOSPITALIZED AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO THEIR HOMES. ATTENTION IS NOW SHIFTING TO REMOVAL AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS OF THOSE WHO DID NOT SURVIVE. IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS HAS PROVEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT WITH NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ESTABLISHED AS YET. WE ARE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT PAN AM WHERE WE CAN BUT BOTH OUR ABILITY AND THE APPROPRIATENESS TO DO SO IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECLINING. I HAVE TAKEN STEPS TODAY TO SORT OUT THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS AND TO INSURE THAT WE ARE FULLY REIMBURSED BY PAN AM.

2. OPENING OF DJIBOUTI

-- WITH ALL CONCERNED CONCURRING, I APPROVED TODAY THE OPEN-

ING OF A 3-MAN POST IN DJIBOUTI.

3. YOUR CABLE TO HECK

-- HECK HAS RESPONDED TO YOUR CABLE BUT DID NOT SAY IN HIS RESPONSE THAT THE INTERVIEW HE GAVE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN OFF THE RECORD.

4. THE 52 QUESTIONS

-- I SPOKE WITH RITCH TODAY, GAVE HIM THE STATUS OF OUR RESPONSE, AND PROMISED HIM THE ANSWERS BY TONIGHT OR TOMORROW MORNING. HE WAS APPRECIATIVE AND SEEMED SATISFIED WITH THE TIMING. RITCH REQUESTED TEN COPIES AND AS IT TURNS OUT THAT WILL PUSH DELIVERY TO TOMORROW MORNING. I WILL EXPLAIN THAT TO HIM.

-- I ALSO MENTIONED YOUR DESIRE TO MEET WITH MC GOVERN, PERCY AND HIMSELF ON THE E & E FUND. HE UNDERSTOOD BUT DOUBTED THE DEPTH OF PERCY'S INTEREST. RITCH WILL SPEAK TO THE SENATORS ABOUT A MEETING AND LET US KNOW.

-- WORK IS CONTINUING ON THE SET DUE 1 APRIL AND THUS FAR HAVE NO REASON TO THINK WE WILL MISS THAT DATE.

5. CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS

-- DURING ITS MARCH 29 MARK-UP SESSION ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE ACT THAT WE INTRODUCED LAST WEEK, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS (COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) DID THE FOLLOWING:

--- MADE NO CHANGE IN OUR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT COMPENSATION FOR ALIEN EMPLOYEES OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE IMPRISONED AS A RESULT OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT;

--- MADE NO CHANGE IN OUR AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE DEATH GRATUITIES TO DEPENDENTS OF ALIEN EMPLOYEES OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE KILLED ABROAD IN THE LINE OF DUTY;

--- ACCEPTED OUR AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE CAREER CANDIDATE PROGRAM BUT INCORPORATED A CHANGE RECOMMENDED BY AFSA THAT SAME DAY. IT REPLACES LANGUAGE IN OUR PROPOSAL THAT WOULD LIMIT PROMOTIONS TO EMPLOYEES IN CAREER CANDIDATE STATUS TO CLASS 6 WITH LANGUAGE THAT WOULD ALLOW PROMOTIONS "TO THE EXTENT WARRANTED UNDER REGULATIONS WHICH THE SECRETARY SHALL PRESERVE." ACCORDING TO PER, THE CHANGE WOULD PERMIT US TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE WITH

AFSA LATER.

--- ADDED TO OUR SERIES OF MINOR TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ONE WHICH WOULD PERMIT PAYMENT OF AN ANNUITY TO A SMALL NUMBER OF FORMER O-4S SELECTED OUT UNDER THE OLD RULES;

--- ADDED AN AMENDMENT TO RAISE THE RANK OF THE POSITIONS HELD BY BARBARA WATSON AND PATT DERIAN TO "ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS" AND "ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS";

-- SINCE THERE WILL BE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE FULL COMMITTEE, WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS IF YOU DECIDE WE SHOULD.

6. FROM KENNEDY
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-- THE COMMISSION MET THIS AFTERNOON, IS MEETING TONIGHT AND WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW.

7. MILLIE TOUCHED HOME BASE TODAY AND EVERYTHING IS HUNKY DORY. CHEERS. CHRISTOPHER

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